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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Glenn T. Suddaby, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and John F. Pikus, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany Division, announced that **TIMOTHY A. WADDELL**, age 36, of Niskayuna, New York, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy in Federal Court in Albany on his guilty plea to an Indictment charging him with the attempted production and receipt of child pornography. **WADDELL** was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment and ordered to serve a life time term of supervised release. He also was ordered to (1) have no unsupervised contact with minors; (2) participate in a sex offender program; and (3) register with the New York State Sex Offender Registry Program.

**WADDELL** pled guilty on June 1, 2007. During his plea, he admitted, among other things, the following:

On or between August of 2006, and September 14, 2006, WADDELL met an individual on Quest Personals, a telephone chat line. At the time, WADDELL's advertisement on Quest Personals stated "This is daddy, I'm looking for my little girl". The two thereafter engaged in numerous conversations on the telephone via Quest Personals. During these conversations, WADDELL discussed meeting said individual and his 10 and 14 year old daughters for the purpose of engaging in sexual activities with said minors in return for a fee. During their discussions, WADDELL also negotiated with said individual to purchase a DVD containing sexually explicit images of minors.

Eventually, a meeting between WADDELL and this individual was arranged and scheduled to take place on September 14, 2006, at a hotel in Albany County. On that day, WADDELL traveled to said hotel room and met an undercover agent posing as the father of said minors. WADDELL thereafter paid the undercover agent \$100.00 in order to engage in sexual acts with said 10 and 14 year old females. He also intended to photograph his sexual activity with said minors. During their meeting, WADDELL also purchased said DVD for \$20.00.

WADDELL was subsequently arrested that day. A Kodak EasyShare camera, a new memory card for said camera, two packs of condoms, baby oil, very small lingerie consisting of a purple bra and panties, a white sweater and black skirt designed for a minor, a teddy bear and handiwipes were recovered from WADDELL'S possessions at the hotel. In addition, built in underwear, that had been part of said black skirt and cut out, were recovered from WADDELL's automobile. The Kodak EasyShare camera was made in China.

On September 14, 2006, a computer utilized by WADDELL was recovered from his residence. In addition, printed images were recovered from his bedroom. Said printed images depicted minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. A forensic examination of said computer was subsequently conducted. Numerous images, in still and video format, of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct...were recovered from said computer... Many of these images depict prepubescent minors engaged in such conduct. The forensic examination of WADDELL'S computer also disclosed that he had visited numerous websites offering sexually explicit images of children.

When interviewed by law enforcement officials on September 14 and 15th, 2006, WADDELL admitted that he planned to engage in sexual activities with said 10 and 14 year old minors while at the hotel room. More specifically, he stated that he intended to engage in sexual intercourse with the 14 year old girl and oral sex with the 10 year old girl. In addition, he noted that he intended on filming said conduct with these minor females. He also stated that he brought his Kodak camera with him and purchased a new memory card that day in order to film his sexual conduct with these girls. Moreover, he stated that he purchased two packs of condoms on his way to meet these minors. Further, he admitted

that he used his home computer and the Internet to view and download child pornography. He stated that he also printed out such images from his computer. He further acknowledged that on one occasion, he purchased a subscription to a website which contained and offered child pornography. Finally, he admitted that on September 14, 2006, he viewed and then purchased a DVD containing child pornography for \$20.00 from the undercover agent.

As part of his plea, **WADDELL** agreed to plea guilty to Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, in violation of New York State Penal Law Section 130.65, a felony, in Schenectady County Court, in connection with his conduct on or about August or September of 2006, in the Town of Niskayuna. The abuse in question was discovered during the course of the federal investigation. More specifically, an email was recovered from his computer in which he discussed the abuse with another individual.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Predator Task Force and the Niskayuna Police Department.

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